PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2005-385-E

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to convene a docketed proceeding to consider implementing the requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

On August 8, 2005, President Bush signed the EPAct. The EPAct requires state commissions, with respect to each electric utility for which the state commission has ratemaking authority, to consider certain standards to encourage better utilization of energy resources. According to the Petition, Section 1251 entitled "Net Metering and Additional Standards" states that each electric utility shall (1) make available upon request net metering service to any electric consumer that the electric utility serves, (2) develop a plan to minimize dependence on one fuel source and to ensure that the electric energy sold to consumers is generated using a diverse range of fuels and technologies, and (3) develop and implement a 10- year plan to increase the efficiency of the utility's fossil fuel generation.

The Commission on November 8, 2006 during its weekly meeting declared that persons who seek to comment regarding Docket No. 2005-385-E shall do so by **the close of business on February 1, 2007.**

A copy of the Office of Regulatory Staff's Petition can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Petition is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov. and is available from Nanette Edwards, Esquire, Office of Regulatory Staff, 1441 Main Street, Suite 300, Columbia, S. C. 29201.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Petition. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **January 2**, **2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-385-E*.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, on or before **January 2, 2007,** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-385-E.*

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **January 2**, **2007**. **Please refer to Docket No. 2005-385-E.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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